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WHO  
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OF THE  
**LORD!**

MARK 11:9





+ Palm Sunday +

**March 24, 2024**

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## AS WE GATHER

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

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**The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord's sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).**

### *Liturgical Color:*

***Scarlet is the color of blood—associated with the Lord's passion (suffering).***

*Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but will be removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!*

***Visitors:*** *We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time. Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.*

***Those wanting to process with a palm today are asked to gather in the Narthex.***

# Prelude

## Pastoral Welcome

*(Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

## Processional Gospel .....John 12:9-19

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher during the hymn.)*

# Processional Hymn..... "All Glory, Laud and Honor", #442

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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## Morning Prayer

### Opening Verses..... page 235

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,

**G** and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.

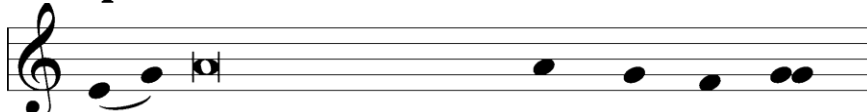
**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

# Psalmody

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**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite.....page 236



**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



**II** The sea is His, for He made it;  
 and His hand formed the dry land.  
**I** O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;  
 let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.  
**II** For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple  
 of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Antiphon**.....*page 237*



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Psalm 118:19-29** .....(*chanted responsively at the asterisk*)

Open to me the gates of / righteousness,\*

**that I may enter through them and give thanks / to the LORD.**

This is the / gate of the LORD;\*

**the righteous shall enter / through it.**

I thank you that you have / answered me\*

**and have become my sal- / vation.**

The stone that the builders re- / jected\*

**has become the / cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's / doing; \*

**it is marvelous / in our eyes.**

This is the day that the / LORD has made; \*

**let us rejoice and be / glad in it.**

Save us, we pray, / O LORD! \*

**O LORD, we pray, give / us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name / of the LORD! \*

**We bless you from the house / of the LORD.**

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- / on us. \*

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the / altar!**

You are my God, and I will give / thanks to you; \*

**you are my God; I will ex- / tol you.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good;\*

**for his steadfast love endures for- / ever!**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Office Hymn**.....(*"This is the Day the Lord Has Made", #903*)



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the  
2 To - day He rose and left the dead, And Sa - tan's  
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To Da - vid's  
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - joice, let  
 em - pire fell; To - day the saints His  
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,  
 earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
 tri - umphs spread And all His won - ders tell.  
 scend and bring Sal - va - tion from Your throne.  
 comes to us To save our fall - en race.  
 which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

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## Readings

### Old Testament Reading..... Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle Reading ..... **Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as able.*

## Holy Gospel ..... **John 12:20-43**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**P** In many and various ways, God Spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Apostles' Creed**.....(*back cover of hymnal*)

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Song** ..... *“Hosanna, Hallelujah”*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**..... *“What a Day, and What a Week!”*

*Please rise, as able.*

**Hymn of Praise** ..... *“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”, #335*



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice  
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.  
3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;  
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;  
5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o’er all vic - to - rious.  
Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.  
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.  
Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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*Please be seated.*

**Offertory/Offering**

*Please rise, as able.*

**Prayer**

**Collect of the Day** ..... *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)**

**Collect for Grace** .....page 241

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**.....page 241

**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... page 241-242

**Sending Hymn**..... *"What Wondrous Love Is This", #543*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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**Dismissal** ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

**P** Grow in Christ,

**C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!



# Postlude

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## Next week's readings:

**OT: Isaiah 25:6-9; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

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**Attendance Last Saturday: 38**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 80**

**Attendance Midweek: 48**

**Total Offering: \$8,070.58**

**Missions: \$0.00**

**Home Use: \$7,921.57**

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## Serving us today:

Elder .....Willie Crespo  
Musicians ..... Jerrode Marsh  
Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Bambi Burden,  
Julie Crespo, Diana Holland, Georgia Luker  
Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

## This Week's Schedule

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Cards and Games Group
	5:00 p.m.	Altar Bread Making
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Noonday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service ( <i>begins out front</i> )
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at <a href="http://www.blchurch.com">www.blchurch.com</a> , under the Sermons tab)

- 6:30 a.m. Meet the Rising Son/Sun  
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Communion Service  
10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Communion Service

## **Prayers**

**Prayers for Roy and Judy Schache** as they finish their current stay in Papua New Guinea and prepare to travel back home!

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Carrie Brunkhorst (Dorothy's daughter-in-law), Ray & Mary Carstensen, Galen Cobb, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Rev. Tom Fatka (Tommy Fatka's dad), Peggy Forstad, Ana Fonseca (Willie Crespo's grandmother), Wilma Gertz, Winnie & George Goldsmith (Steve's parents), Karen Haase, Juanita Holcomb (Peggy Forstad's mother), Kenny (Judy Smith's brother), Duane Limback, Mary Johnson, Lloyd McCarter, Ronnie Moody (Sheree's mother), Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families.

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

## **Weekly Weekend Worship Services**

**Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday Services are live on Facebook, YouTube and the webpage at [\*\*blchurch.com\*\*](http://blchurch.com).

## **Special Services & Faith Formation**

**Holy Thursday Altar Bread Making**—Join us in the kitchen as we pray our way through the steps and make the bread to be used for the Communion service that evening. Anyone is welcome to participate on the **28th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services**—Please check the calendar or the end of the bulletin for all of the Holy Week services and times; plan to attend and invite others!

**Faith Night** happens on the first Wednesday of every month (**April 3rd this time**) with our potluck meal starting at **5:30 to 6:00** (or so), followed by a faith discussion until 6:45 p.m. We will be working through Every Moment HOLY and Easter life!

### **Children & Youth**

**Creation School**—Join us on the first Friday of each month from **10-11 am** for our faith-focused version of the trendy forest school. We'll do our best to enjoy Creation in all weather, so be sure to dress appropriately. Please invite any families with young children that you know, as the hope is to welcome all in the community into our green space.

### **Sunday School and Christian Education**

**Sunday School and Bible Study will not be held on Easter Sunday. We will resume the first weekend in April.**

**Wednesday Bible Study**—Join us at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. We're looking at the Apocrypha, from the time between the two Testaments. Come and find out what it's about!

**Thursday Bible Study will not meet on Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Music**

**Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.** We are always looking for new members! Please contact Peggy Forstad with any questions about joining the choir.

**Music Camps at Concordia Music Conservatory**—Choir Camp will be held **June 3-7**, for children ages kindergarten to 8th grade, and Orchestra Camp will be **June 10-14**, for children ages 4th-12th grade. Enroll online at [cmc-music.org](http://cmc-music.org). Register before **March 31** for the early bird discount! Early enrollment is \$135 per child. Regular enrollment, April 1-May 15 is \$160 per child and late enrollment, after May 15, is \$225 per child. Camps are 9am to 4pm daily on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Lunch and snacks are provided. The Friday of each camp there will be a closing concert at 2pm. If you have any questions, please contact CMC at 660-624-7950 or [info@cmc-music.org](mailto:info@cmc-music.org).

### **Opportunities to Serve**

**Shine Event 2024**—Plan to attend this year's **Shine** event on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be launching our community garden's season with a lively event filled with giveaways, planting, music and children's activities. *Can you contribute to planning work, setup/cleanup, music or planting guidance that day?* Please let Rebecca or Pr. Joel know and you'll be plugged in at the perfect spot.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**—Members with 2023 Choice Dollars available need to designate these funds **before March 31st** or they will expire. You may direct your Choice Dollars to Bethlehem or your choice of another organization on the Thrivent list. Choice dollars may be designated at [Thrivent.com/Thrivent Choice](https://www.thrivent.com/ThriventChoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." Please contact Larry Haase if you have questions about any of our Thrivent activities. The April Tidings will indicate our next group meeting date.

**Spring is here, so gardening season has begun!** Potatoes were planted in bags on St. Patrick's Day and a vegetable garden workday was held this weekend, but there's still a lot to do! Pr. Joel is working on getting the Star of Bethlehem herb garden out front tended to for new growth, and if anyone would like to get some herbs for growing at home (that started growing in the wrong spot here), let him know. Talk to Rebecca, our CLF, or Pr. Joel and they'll find the perfect way for you to help with the enjoyable task of growing and tending to the wonderful gardens and greenspace we have here at Bethlehem!

**Want to be on the Bethlehem Woods Trail Crew?** Yes, we have our own nature trail at the back end of our property! Two of the bridges are in need of some major attention, so if you'd like to help with that and some of the other occasional maintenance back there, please contact Ron Rode (660.238.1557) and he'll let you know when the work is ready to start. Thanks!

**Bulletin Board**—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

### **Mary Martha Guild**

**Concordia Zone LWML Spring Rally** will be held on **Saturday, April 6 at Zion Lutheran Church in Blackburn, MO. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.** At 10:00 a.m. Rev. Larry Tieman and Rev. Terry Tieman will present "Paul's Journey" as they traveled some of the areas Paul traveled. Lunch will be served after the presentation. The ingathering will go to "Mites" collection. Please let Darlene Laubenstein know if you are interested in going.

**2024 Missouri District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention**, Independence, MO. Although Independence is known as the historic departure point for the California, Oregon, and Santa Fe Trails; this summer our paths will



converge in Independence for another great LWML Missouri District Convention, **June 7-9, 2024**. Every two years, members gather to carry out the business of the organization and spend time together in praise, worship, Bible study, fellowship and laughter. A LWML convention is open to all ladies of the LCMS and many husbands attend too. The Kansas City area offers many great family activities, so consider making this convention a fun destination for family as well. This year's theme, "He will make your paths straight." is based on Proverbs 3:5-6. For additional details and online registration information, be sure to visit our improved District website at <https://www.missourilwml.org/conventions>. **Registration opens March 1st**. Hotel reservations at Stoney Creek Hotel can be made by a phone call to 816-908-9600 select #2 Guest Services and give CODE LWML24 for a special room rate.

### **Fellowship**

**Exercise Class** happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women.

**The Games and Card Group** meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

**The Quilting Group** meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch or go out and grab something. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

### **This and That**

**The Johnson County Resource Center happens every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (206 N. College)—providing breakfast, a hot lunch, and a place to hang out. Housing assistance and case management are provided, as well as Medicaid signup. **Katy Trail's Mobile Medical Unit will be resuming its services in April!**

**Ongoing thanks** to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

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# HOLY WEEK AT BETHLEHEM



## **MAUNDAY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**(Service will also be livestreamed)**

March 28-7:00 p.m.



## **GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY PRAYER**

March 29-12:00 p.m.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**(Service will be livestreamed)**

March 29-7:00 p.m.



## **SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL**

**(Begins out front)**

March 30-7:00 p.m.



## **GREET THE RISING "SUN/SON"**

**(Begins out front)**

March 31-6:30 a.m.

## **EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE**

March 31-7:00 a.m.

## **EASTER CELEBRATION COMMUNION SERVICE**

**(Service will also be livestreamed)**

March 31-10:30 a.m.

## Contact Information

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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